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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Krystyna Roslan - Szulc

Serial No: 09/754,796

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Title: THE PROTECTIVE COVERAGE OF THE OPERATIVE DENTAL  
INSTRUMENTS

Examiner: John Wilson

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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SIR:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 5, 2002 and setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months to expire on September 5, 2002. Applicants petition that, if required, the time for response be extended and the corresponding fee be charged. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Acct. No. 11-0224.

Applicants further respectfully request that this response be accepted as a bona fide effort to meet any potential response requirements outstanding

and due in the above captioned matter. Please amend the application as follows: